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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for advertising through the Internet, comprising the steps of:

providing a menu from which a user may select from among a plurality of free Internet applications and; services that are available on a the server, and

providing a menu from which said user may select from among a plurality of sponsors of said free Internet applications and services;

said server receiving information from the user that indicates user selections from among said, free internet applications and/or services, and that indicates the sponsor of said free Internet applications and/or services that is selected by said user;

providing said user with access to, and use of, said selected, free Internet applications and/or services via a web interface;

wherein said web interface comprises both an interface to said free Internet applications and/or services and a skin comprising advertising that has a look and feel of the selected sponsor selected by said user, said skin being displayed to said user every time the user accesses and uses said free Internet application and/or service.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said free service comprises a predetermined amount of data storage space on a hard disk of the service provider server.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said free service comprises access time to the Internet.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said application comprises any of:

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e-mail;

a calendar;

an instant messaging application; and

a chat room.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said step of receiving information from the user on a selected Internet application further comprises the step of:

receiving personal data from said user in addition to said selection information.

- 6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein said personal data provided by said user comprises the name, address, country, and e-mail address of said user.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein said personal data provided by the user is maintained in a database.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein said personal data provided by said user is used for any of:

conducting surveys;

conducting segmented marketing; and

sending banners to selected users.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of: choosing by a user a combination of any of: hard disk space;

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an e-mail service;
a calendar; and
access time to the internet;

wherein said combination comprises said information from the user on a selected Internet application that said user desires to use.

- 10. (Cancelled)
- 11. (Cancelled)
- 12. (Cancelled)
- 13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising any of the steps of:

displaying a logo of said sponsor;
displaying a trademark of said sponsor; and
displaying a combination of colors associated with said sponsor.

- 14. (Cancelled)
- 15. (Cancelled)